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SUBJECT: STATUS OF ICEM IN RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM.
REF: BUENOS AIRES 3727
1. RE LETTER OF MAY 3 FROM HARQUINDEGUY THANKING USG FOR PAROLE PROGRAM FOR REFUGEES AND NOTING THAT GOA WILL NOT ACCEPT UNHCR PARTICIPATION IN RESETTLEMENT OF ARGENTINE CITIZENS TO OTHER COUNTRIES, WE DOUBT THAT REFERENCE TO UNHCR WAS IN ERROR. IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO INVOLVE UNHCR IN RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM. PERSONS IN DETENION IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES ARE NOT WITHIN THE UNHCR MANDATE AS EMBASSY KNOWS, BUT THIS MAY NOT BE CLEAR TO ARGENTINE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH REFUGEE/DETAINEE MATTERS.
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2. WE HEARTILY SUPPORT YOUR JOINT APPROACH TO ICEM AND GOA WITH OTHER CONCERNED EMBASSIES.

3. NOW THAT YOUR EFFORTS TO ENGAGE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN SO FRUITFUL, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EMBASSY NO LONGER TAKE THE LEAD WITH ICEM/GOA NEGOTIATIONS. ICEM

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COULD USE SUCH ACTION AS BASIS FOR A REQUEST FOR SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN US FUNDING. WE BELIEVE FIRMLY THAT ALL ICEM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ASSUME A PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF THE FINANCIAL BURDEN, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THIS PROGRAM.

4. MISSION GENEVA INFORMED US TODAY THAT ICEM BUENOS AIRES DIRECTOR IS OUT OF TOWN AND NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOA.

5. RE: PARA 3 OF REFTEL, IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT AT THIS CRITICIAL POINT WHEN GOA WISHES TO DISCUSS WITH ICEM ITS RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM THAT THE KEY ELEMENT IS MISSING. NOW THAT THERE IS MOMENTUM TO GET THE PROGRAM UNDERWAY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ICEM HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA SHOULD BE ADVISED OF OUR CONCERN OVER THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT. VANCE

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